

## **Background**

The Review of Adult Social Care in Scotland was announced by the First Minister as part of the Programme for Government on 1 September. It will be chaired by Derek Feeley and will report by January 2021.

## **Area of Activity**

The aim of the review is to recommend improvements to adult social care support in Scotland. It will use a human rights-based approach.

- It will focus on the rights, preferences and outcomes achieved by and with people who use services, their carers and families.
- It will also look at the experience of people who work in adult social care support. Including their employment arrangements, opportunities for training and progression, and relationships with other professions across health and social care;

It will consider and make recommendations on:

- Arrangements for how we pay for, manage and organise the delivery of social care support services;
- How we involve social care users in finding out what works. How we work together to coproduce social care support. This will include self-directed support.
- How social care and health care services interact with other services, such as housing, education and employment;
- The process for reviewing and improving the quality of the support and services provided.
- The role of local communities in supporting people to live as well and as independently as possible.
- The role of the community to support people to enjoy the same facilities and opportunities as other citizens;
- How local and system level leaders work together to plan and deliver social care support services
- The focus of future policy development; this is when we think about changes to policy we want to make in the future.
- The laws that apply to social care provision and regulation.

- Opportunities to redesign social care to improve people experiences of it.

The review will consider what is required to achieve the highest standard of support for the independence and wellbeing of people who use adult social care support services. This will include, but not be limited to, the following matters:

- How we can achieve a system that treats people fairly and in the same way.
- How people using adult social care support services can make the most of decision-making, participation, independent living and control.
- People's experiences of adult social care support and outcomes achieved;
- How individuals' social care support "needs" are assessed by social work, social care and health professionals;
- The overall quality, and sustainability of current social care services and supports;
- The need to develop a skilled, purposeful and sustainable adult social care workforce; and
- Is the system we use to buy and deliver social care support working?

### **Previous and ongoing work around adult social care**

**The review will consider previous and ongoing work in this field, including:**

- The programme for social care reform currently being taken forward by the Scottish Government and COSLA;
- Progress with integration of health and social care in Scotland, including the outcomes of the recent review undertaken by the Scottish Government and COSLA;
- Work done by the Care Inspectorate to consider opportunities for improving adult social care support provision;
- Work done by wider partners including the third sector to understand people's experience of care and support improvement;
- Work by Audit Scotland looking closely at social care support and progress with integrating health and social care support; and

- Work by the Health and Sport Committee of the Scottish Parliament looking closely at the reform of social care support to date and progress with integrating health and social care support.

## **Review outcomes**

The review will produce its report by January 2021. The chair of the review will decide on recommendations to improve adult social care support. The chair will make recommendations about all the areas of activity above. The chair will also make recommendations on anything else they think is important.

The Chair has overall responsibility for the report but will make sure that people with lived experience of using social care are at the centre of the review. People who use adult social care support will be fully involved in proposing recommendations for the final report. The views of carers and families, members of the workforce will also be included.

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